

Application Serial No.: 10/091,024
Applicant(s): Houser et al.

Docket No.: N.C. 83,517

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain in this application. Claims 14-28 have been canceled as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Restriction was required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to compounds and solutions, classified in class 556, subclass: various.
- II. Claims 14-28, drawn to devices and their methods of use, classified in class 422, subclass: various.

Additionally, the Examiner asserted that Group I is generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising a hyperbranched polymeric compound. Therefore, Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species.

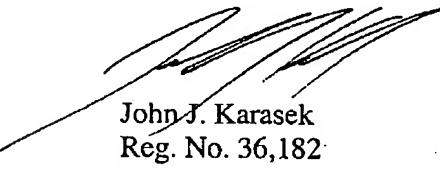
Applicants provisionally elect Group I, which includes claims 1-13. Moreover, Applicants provisionally elect the species where a hyperbranched polymeric compound has a polymer backbone portion that is at least partly randomly branched, at least one pendant arm extending from said polymer backbone, and at least one halogen substituted alcohol or phenol group substituted at the pendant group(s) of the polymer backbone portion. Claims 1-6 read on the elected species.

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